

## **SECTION 1**

COMMISSIONER'S LETTER WITH STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION



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Catherine H. Smith  
Commissioner

April 4, 2013

Senator Andres Ayala, Co-Chair  
Representative Selim G. Noujaim, Co-Chair  
Regulation Review Committee  
State Capitol, Room 011  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Ayala and Representative Noujaim:

Pursuant to § 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I submit to you for your review and approval and placement on the Committee's agenda the enclosed proposed regulation for inclusion in the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies entitled "**Tenant Rights in State Public Housing.**"

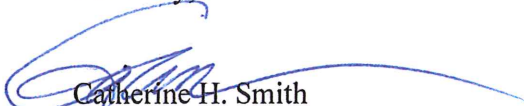
The purpose of these regulations is to implement the provisions of 8-68f of the Connecticut General Statutes, which requires the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development to establish, for housing owned or operated by a Landlord which receives financial assistance under any state housing program, uniform minimum standards to: (1) provide each of its Tenants with a written lease, (2) adopt a procedure for hearing Tenant complaints and Grievances, (3) adopt procedures for soliciting Tenant comment on proposed changes in Landlord policies and procedures, including changes to its form of lease and to its admission and occupancy policies, and (4) encourage Tenant participation in the Landlord's operation of state housing programs, including, where appropriate, the facilitation of Tenant participation in the management of housing projects.

Please note that although these regulations have been in process for some time, they are the result of consensus reached by effected parties and other stakeholders including, but not limited to, housing authority representatives, tenant advocates and legal aid.

If there are any questions regarding this request, please contact either James DeSantos, DECD's Director of External Communications at (860) 270-8186 or Amy Filotto, DECD's Legal Counsel at (860) 270-8062.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Catherine H. Smith  
Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Pamela B. Booth, Committee Administrator